Government has provided for 69 per cent reservation in Government jobs and educational institutions. In Mandal case, the Supreme Court, has held that all reservation put together cannot exceed 50 per cent. The Tamil Nadu Government, in order to protect the interests of the weaker sections had enacted a law and the same had been incorporated in the Ninth Schedule of our Constitution. The basic intention of doing so was that it would not be, and it cannot be challenged in any court of law. For example, the land ceiling laws of various States are not challenged because they are in the Ninth Schedule.

But the Supreme Curt stayed the operation of the reservation law of Tamil Nadu in spite of the fact that it is in the Ninth Schedule, without assigning any reason. The act of Supreme Court amounts to usurping the powers of Parliament. I could not understand as to how whims and fancies of the individuals can override the powers of Parliament. It is strange how the Supreme Court assumes the powers of Parliament. The sanctity of the Constitution is questioned. I would like to know from the Chair, Sir, what steps or measures are you going to take to preserve the powers of Parliament and the sanctity of the Constitution...*(Interruptions)* In the best interests of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, weaker sections, backward classes and the most backward classes, the Government has to kindly look into it as well as to preserve the rights of this Parliament and the sanctity of the Constitution.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM NAIK (Mumbai North) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, national convention of the National Fisheries Forum Action Committee representing 70 lakh fishermen was held in Mumbai yesterday. Earlier, the Murari Committee, of which all of us were members, had unanimously recommended in its report that the licences of all the deep see fishing trawlers should be concelled within six months. Now it is more than six months. Yesterday, it was announced in the fishermen's Forum, Shri Thomas Kocheri would undertake indefinite fast on the 7th August and there would be *gherao* of all the sea ports in India on 10th August by the fishermen. It would give rise to serious problem affecting not only the fishermen but the people consuming fish also.

As per the recommendation of the House, the Government should invite the National fisheries Forum for discussion and cancel the licences granted to foreign trawlers. Government must take initiative to hold discussion with the Forum otherwise the the seven coastal states would be engulfed is serious crises.

[English]

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (Panskura) : All of us have agreed to this and all together move for this. This should be taken up very seriously immediately.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM NAIK : All the trade unions viz CITU, BMS, INTHC, HMS have supported this call and you would be able to gauge the seriousness of the situation when all the parts are elsed on 10th August.

[English]

All Central unions are supporting this action. It is a serious issue and the Government should take cognisance of this issue.

[Translation]

SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN (Mursidabad) : There is a great hue and cry about infiltrators, but no attention is being paid to that part of our motherland which is being encroached upon by Bangladesh. There has been consistent land erosion in District Murshidabad by the river Padma Ganga near Bangla Desh border. About 100 villages of our territory are how in Bangladesh due to erosion. We have lost control over that land and the people of Bangla Desh have settled there. This is Indian Territory which is now part of Bangla Desh and the people are with voting that land and utilising the yield for their benefit. We have been raising this issue for the past 16 years but it appears there is no Government to take up this issue.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : This issue requires immediate attention, if it is true.

[Translation]

SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN : Bangla Desh is a small and poor country -even then it has built a pucca dam point side of the border. We have been urging the Government for the past 16 years to pay urgent attention to the matter as the people there are becoming landless. When Shri P.C. Shukla was the Minister, he had assured to take some action. Now I want the present Government to stir itself and come to grip with the problem. Let Shri Ram Vilas Paswan reply and inform the House about the action being taken to prevent the loss of Indian territory due to erosion? ultimately it would became a problem of of International border and Government must apprises about the steps being taken...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA (Pali) : Sir, this is a very serious matter and we extend our full support to him...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SEPAKER : Let me say a word on this issue.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SEPAKER : This is a very serious matter. Let the matter be looked into.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Mr. Deputy-Speaker Sir, this is a serious matter and Government will look into it...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Let Mr. Pradhan have his say. Please sit down.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please be seated. The Minister has given you the assurance.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SHRIKANTA JENA : Sir, if necessary, a team will be sent on the spot to see what is exactly happening and after getting the report, I assure you, the Government will look into this. ..*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN (Murshidabad) : Sir, what is this? He is saying they would send a team. There are already so many reports. They should immediately take action...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Now it's over please. Let him have his say.

[Translation]

SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN (Khurja) : NOIDA is a very large industrial complex in my constituency. The devastating rain on the 31st caused damaged to Kucha and pucca houses of more than 500 workers and jhuggi dwellers. Three days back the administration of NOIDA has promised that they would not be displaced till an alternative accommodation was found for them. But day before yesterday, when a torrential rain was lashing that area, he bulldozed the entire place and evicted all the residents from there. This arbitrary hurt many people who are now admitted in the hospitals. When I enquired from him about his action, he replied that it was an old commercial plot, whereas the fact is that the residents of the area have ration cards and their homes are included in the voters list. They have been residing in that place for the past 15 years. I demand from the Government to resettle them at a proper place and provide them all the facilities. The people have lost all their belongings including utensils. I want that the displaced persons should be duly compensated and the guilty officers should be prasecuted. The affairs of the NOIDA authority are in a mess and scandals involving thousands of rupees have been committed.

SHRIMATI PHOOLAN DEVi (Mirzapur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to place the case of Fishermen. The fishermen settled on coastal areas are subjected to innumerable atrocities. The land given on lease by Government in grabbed or cornered by the big capitalists and then they sub let it to fishermen on instalments. I would request the Government, through you sir, to grant lease deeds in the names of these fishermen.

Secondly, an hon. member had just now said that on the 7th fisherman would go on the 7th fishermen would go on strike. As the daughter of a fisherman I know that this is only means of livelihood of fishermen and if they are deprived of this livelihood they will be reduced to starvation level. I, therefore, request the Government to cancel the permits granted to foreign trawlers and secondly the lease deeds should be transferred in their names.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Matters under Rule 377 Shri Bachi Singh Rawat 'Bachda'

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Nearby 1 hour and 45 minutes have been taken up, Now please sit down.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have already allowed two hours time and I cannot grant any more time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please allow him to speak. Why do you not listen to him?

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI (Jhansi) : Sir, I want to raise a point of order.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : How can you raise a point of order when no subject is under discussion. Under what raise you want to raise it?

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I am not allowing you.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Nothing is going on record.

*(Interruptions)**

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have already allowed two hours time in place of one hour.

SHRI S.P. JAISWAL (Varanasi) : It is the senior Members who monopolise the entire time but...

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I permitted a junior Member Phoolan Devi to speak.

(Interruptions)

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